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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims and consideration of the remarks and amendments herein. A response was initially due on July 24, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted, extending the time to reply up to and including September 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

No amendment to the specification is made herein. Amendments to the claims begin on p. 2. Remarks are found beginning on p. 5.

Transmitted herewith are a Petition for two-month extension of time, a check in the amount of \$205.00 for the extension fee, Revocation of Powers of Attorney/New Power of Attorney previously faxed to the Examiner, and a return postcard.

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